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In re application of

Fields et al.

Serial No.: 09/758,308

Filed: January 10, 2001

For: ANTIGENIC EPITOPES AND
MOSAIC POLYPEPTIDES OF
HEPATITIS C VIRUS PROTEINS

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Bao Qun Li

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND ELECTION
UNDER RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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October 15, 2001

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 13, 2001, wherein restriction of the claims of the above-identified application is required. Prior to an Office Action on the merits, please amend the application as follows: